

CW150 Events Petersburg National Battlefield

May 24, 2014

Reverberations – Battlefront to Home Front: The Sacrifice Shared

Commemorative evening programs at Blandford Church and Poplar Grove National Cemetery are part of a series of National Park Service programs being held the same evening in towns and cities across the north and south reflecting on the sacrifice these communities made during the Civil War. Programs at Blandford and Poplar Grove start at 8:00pm.

June 14 -15, 2014

150th Anniversary: Opening Assaults Weekend – Eastern Front

Saturday June 14th

From Cold Harbor to Petersburg Grant Moves South

8:30am- 4:30pm

Historians from Petersburg NB & Richmond NB Park lead this bus tour tracing the armies from Cold Harbor to the opening assaults on Petersburg. Reservations are needed and the cost is \$40 per passenger. Please call (804) 335-8100 for reservations.

Meet at Cold Harbor Battlefield Visitor Center Mechanicsville, Va. to board bus.

War at the Doorstep: The Opening Assaults

10am – 4pm

Stop #1: Artillery and infantry demonstrations / Family activity tent

Stop #3: African-American Union soldiers at the Siege / Engineering at Petersburg

Stops #4-#7: Ranger presentations on the fighting June 16-18, 1864

Charge of the 1st Maine Heavy Artillery

10:30am, Noon, 1:30pm & 3:00pm

Stop #5: Ranger walk and living history program on the charge of 1st Maine Heavy Artillery

Sunday June 15th

War at the Doorstep: The Opening Assaults

10am – 2pm

Stop #1: Artillery and infantry demonstrations / Family activity tent

Stop #3: African-American Union soldiers at the Siege / Engineering at Petersburg

Stops #4-#7: Ranger presentations on the fighting June 16-18, 1864

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From the Jaws of Victory

7pm-9pm

Stop #1: Ranger-led caravan tour of the fighting on June 15th and its impact on the siege.

July 30, 2014

150th Anniversary: Battle of the Crater – Eastern Front

A commemorative program will take place at the time of the explosion, a keynote address will be given at mid-day, and ranger tours will be provided in the morning and afternoon. For more information please call (804) 732-3531 x200.

August 1, 2014

150th Anniversary: Battle of the Crater - Panel Presentations

Morning Panel Discussion – Gillfield Baptist Church, 209 Perry Street, Petersburg 10 – 12 pm

Afternoon Panel Discussion – St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10 Union Street, Petersburg 1 – 3 pm

In the morning and afternoon two panel discussions, with three speakers each and a Q&A session, will be held in downtown Petersburg. One will address the battle and the other impacts of the siege on those living in the city. For more information please call (804) 732-3531 x200.

August 2, 2014

150th Anniversary: Battle of the Crater - Living History Program

Living history programs on the battle, the soldiers and their weapons, and field medicine throughout the day. Watch Union & Confederate artillery in action and "meet" Generals Grant & Lee to hear their thoughts on this battle. The Virginia Civil War History mobile will be on hand and family activities will be available. For more information please call (804) 732-3531 x200.

August 9-10, 2014

150th Anniversary: Grant's Headquarter's City Point, VA

Ranger programs and living history events will bring to life and explore the role of this village as it was transformed into one of the world's busiest ports and one of the largest field supply bases of the Civil War. For more information please call (804) 732-3531 x200.

August 17th

Grant's 3rd & 4th Offensive: The Battles of the Crater & Weldon RR 1:00pm-4:30pm

This is the follow up bus tour given on August 16 by Richmond National Battlefield Park on the First and Second Battles of Deep Bottom Va. which coincided with the Battle of the Crater and the Battle of Weldon RR respectively. Reservations are required and the cost is \$25 per passenger. Please call 804-732-3531 x206

Meet at Eastern Front visitor center to board bus.

August 23, 2014

150th Anniversary: Battles of Weldon Railroad & Reams Station

Rangers and living historians at stops along these two battlefields will provide insight to Gen. Grant's Fourth Offensive of the siege and the impact it had on the struggle over Petersburg's fate. For more information please call (804) 732-3531 x200.

September 27-28, 2014

150th Anniversary: Battle of Peeble's Farm

Rangers and living historians at stops along this battlefield will present tours and demonstrations on the Grant's Fifth offensive of the siege. Gen. Lee thwarts this effort at great cost to his hold on Petersburg and Richmond. For more information please call (804) 732-3531 x200.

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